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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 8 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.8 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 8 percent from last year but 3 percent below September 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 420,000 head, down 11 percent from 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 360,000 head, down 3 percent from last year and 5 percent below August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 5,000 during August 2002.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004

STATE	September 1 Number on Feed ¹			August Placements			August Marketings			August Other Disappearance ²		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	274	296	108	28	30	107	23	26	113	2	2	100
California	490	520	106	65	63	97	57	59	104	3	4	133
Colorado	900	930	103	240	205	85	195	150	77	5	5	100
Idaho	245	245	100	58	58	100	52	47	90	1	1	100
Iowa	300	375	125	79	62	78	73	66	90	1	1	100
Kansas	2,250	2,130	95	580	520	90	500	495	99	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,660	1,800	108	470	420	89	370	360	97	10	10	100
New Mexico	121	129	107	23	23	100	15	19	127	3	2	67
Oklahoma	345	325	94	84	76	90	72	64	89	2	2	100
South Dakota	134	138	103	30	25	83	43	43	100	1	1	100
Texas	2,700	2,670	99	610	530	87	580	520	90	20	10	50
Washington	185	160	86	51	33	65	35	22	63	1	1	100
Other States	235	255	109	66	54	82	60	52	87	1	2	200
U.S.	9,839	9,973	101	2,384	2,099	88	2,075	1,923	93	60	56	93

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, September 17, 2004.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004, was 2.85 million head. This was 7 percent below September 1, 2003 but unchanged from June 1, 2004. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was down 4 percent from September 1, 2003 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.49 million head, was 7 percent below last year but unchanged from last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 61.4 million head on September 1, 2004. This was 1 percent above both September 1, 2003, and June 1, 2004. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from September 1, 2003, and also up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.4 million head, was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2003-2004 ¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,050	2,850	93	60,859	61,384	101
Breeding	375	360	96	5,918	5,983	101
Market	2,675	2,490	93	54,941	55,400	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,060	970	92	20,368	20,540	101
60-119 pounds	700	660	94	13,729	13,644	99
120-179 pounds	510	470	92	11,334	11,236	99
180 pounds and over	405	390	96	9,510	9,982	105
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	180	175	97	2,769	2,827	102
March-May	185	175	95	2,885	2,857	99
June-August	185	175	95	2,906	2,888	99
September-November	180	170 ³	94	2,841	2,865 ³	101
Total Sows Farrowing	730	695 ⁴	95	11,401	11,437 ⁴	100
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,575	1,558	99	24,399	25,021	103
March-May	1,647	1,558	95	25,627	25,520	100
June-August	1,628	1,558	96	25,869	26,005	101
September-November	1,620			25,355		
Total Pig Crop	6,470			101,250		

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year. ³ Intentions. ⁴ Actual farrowings for December-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 24, 2004.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2004 with Comparisons

Item	2003	2004	2004/2003
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.6	98
30 States	311.9	319.5	102
United States	334.3	342.0	102
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	272	267	98
30 States	6,875	7,029	102
United States	7,367	7,515	102
Chickens Hatched, August			
United States			
Egg-type	33.2	36.0	109
Broiler	784.0	809.8	103
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	281.6	289.3	103
Broiler	6,117.6	6,279.7	103
Turkeys Placed, August			
United States	24.0	23.7	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 21, 2004.
USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 14, 2004.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2004 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays. August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2004 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Aug 2004 Percent of	
		August 2003	July 2004
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	595.6	87	102
Hogs, head	596.2	108	109
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	592.3	94	105
United States			
Cattle, head	2,819.3	90	101
Calves, head	72.8	91	106
Hogs, head	8,719.8	108	108
Sheep & Lambs, head	232.6	96	105
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,878.0	99	105

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 24, 2004.

Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2004

Classification		Nebraska				United States			
		2002	2003	2004	2004 2003	2002	2003	2004	2004 2003
All Wheat									
Planted	1,000 Acres	1,650	1,900	1,850	97	60,318	62,141	59,674	96
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,520	1,820	1,650	91	45,824	53,063	50,204	95
Yield	Bushels	33.0	46.0	37.0	80	35.0	44.2	43.1	98
Production	1,000 Bushels	50,160	83,720	61,050	73	1,605,878	2,344,760	2,163,520	92
Oats									
Planted	1,000 Acres	175	220	140	64	4,995	4,597	4,085	89
Harvested	1,000 Acres	55	90	55	61	2,058	2,220	1,807	81
Yield	Bushels	43.0	73.0	68.0	93	56.4	65.0	64.5	99
Production	1,000 Bushels	2,365	6,570	3,740	57	116,002	144,383	116,505	81
Barley									
Planted	1,000 Acres	6	6	6	100	5,008	5,348	4,527	85
Harvested	1,000 Acres	4	4	3	75	4,123	4,727	4,031	85
Yield	Bushels	32.0	50.0	54.0	108	55.0	58.9	69.5	118
Production	1,000 Bushels	128	200	162	81	226,906	278,283	280,103	101

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 30, 2004.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2002-2004

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2002	Sept. 1, 2003	Sept. 1, 2004	2004 2003	Sept. 1, 2002	Sept. 1, 2003	Sept. 1, 2004	2004 2003
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	80,000	54,000	49,000	91	586,800	484,900	438,000	90
Off Farms ¹	151,258	100,220	65,428	65	1,009,626	601,773	519,672	86
Total	231,258	154,220	114,428	74	1,596,426	1,086,673	957,672	88
All Wheat								
On Farms	13,000	17,000	13,000	76	578,200	687,320	795,600	116
Off Farms ¹	58,227	69,612	52,826	76	1,170,787	1,351,652	1,146,115	85
Total	71,227	86,612	65,826	76	1,748,987	2,038,972	1,941,715	95
Soybeans								
On Farms	2,800	4,600	1,700	37	62,700	58,000	29,400	51
Off Farms ¹	10,427	7,349	4,706	64	145,361	120,329	83,089	69
Total	13,227	11,949	6,406	54	208,061	178,329	112,489	63
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,000	400	600	150	7,400	4,500	3,700	82
Off Farms ¹	9,267	5,532	4,920	89	53,573	38,530	29,855	77
Total	11,267	5,932	5,520	93	60,973	43,030	33,555	78
Oats								
On Farms	1,600 ²	2,300	1,800 ²	78	70,500	82,100	74,800	91
Off Farms ¹	²	2,247	²		41,212	49,637	41,454	84
Total	²	4,547	²		111,712	131,737	116,254	88

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. ² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, September 30, 2004.

Potatoes: Production, Disposition and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2003

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2002			1,000 Cwt.			Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
Nebraska	8,611	611	149	612	7,850	6.10	52,527	47,885
United States	458,171	28,149	5,622	30,905	421,644	6.67	3,045,310	2,811,995
2003								
Nebraska	9,744	616	194	840	8,710	5.05	49,207	43,986
United States	457,814	26,360	5,541	35,296	416,977	5.89	2,685,822	2,457,640

Potatoes: Stocks held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 15 Fall States, 2002-2003

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	Mar 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>						
2002							
Nebraska	5,500	4,550	3,700	¹	¹	¹	¹
15 States	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 ²							
Nebraska	6,500	5,600	4,600	¹	¹	¹	¹
15 States	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ² Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2003 Summary, September 2004.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5.0 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce. The seasonal

change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from September, 2003.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2003 ¹	Aug. 2004 ¹	Sept. 15, 2004	Sept. 2003 ¹	Aug. 2004 ¹	Sept. 15, 2004	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.50	35	\$ 9.98
Corn	Bushels	2.16	2.35	2.20	2.20	2.34	2.13	32	6.70
Oats	Bushels	1.39	1.26	1.30	1.39	1.33	1.33	34	3.91
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.73	3.58	3.30	3.97	4.01	3.38	31	10.90
Soybeans	Bushels	5.91	6.56	5.60	6.06	6.83	5.77	37	15.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	56.00	50.00	52.00	82.10	89.80	87.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	56.00	51.00	52.00	86.70	97.40	95.50		
Other, Baled	Ton	52.00	47.00	49.00	68.20	70.00	65.70		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	18.70	17.60	22.00	17.70	20.90	23.40	45	51.70
Hogs	Cwt.	41.20	57.10	55.70	39.70	55.40	53.70	51	105.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	41.40	57.30	56.00	40.10	55.90	54.30		
Sows	Cwt.	31.60	45.40	39.70	30.80	46.90	41.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.10	93.10	92.20	84.90	88.90	86.30	51	169.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.40	94.20	93.30	89.30	92.50	89.80		
Cows	Cwt.	46.00	56.10	55.70	44.80	54.70	52.80		
Calves	Cwt.	116.00	147.00	134.00	109.00	131.00	129.00	57	226.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.60	38.60		32.50	38.50			83.10
Lambs	Cwt.	87.70	89.70		95.10	97.80			200.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for September 2004.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 29, 2004.

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